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Muster to test deployment capable numbers Reservists called to "half-day" duty

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DENVER -- The Air Reserve Personnel Center will conduct a muster for nearly 150 individual ready reservists July 20 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Buckley Annex here.

The IRR Muster Program, mandated by Title 10 United States Code Section 12319, exists to enhance readiness and ensure the Air Force can "reach out and touch" the IRR population when called upon to do so. IRRs are primarily Air Force members who have served on active duty but still have a military service obligation to the Air Force.

In war and other times of crisis, it is sometimes necessary to call up IRR members. To ensure the call up works when needed, the Air Force holds a muster. Due to significant volunteerism, the Air Force Reserve has not had to mobilize the IRR since Desert Storm.

"These musters provide the overall structure to gather and maintain IRR member contact and physical condition information, thereby increasing efficiency of the activation process for total or full mobilization," said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC Commander.

Annually, for about four hours, IRRs are told to report to an Air Force base, usually within 150 miles of their residence. Upon arrival, information on their records is updated, they receive a basic medical screening and several briefings. Finally, the IRRs are paid for their time in accordance with Title 37 U.S.C., Section 433 and are free to leave.

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